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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATIONS

The 28th January, 2014.

No.HPL.08/2013/71.—The following Notification issued by the Government of India in Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi issued under S.O.591(E) is hereby republished for general information.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 6th March, 2013.

S.O.591(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 159 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No.S.O.667(E), dated the 12th September, 1985 by way of modifying the text incorporating alterations brought through subsequent Notifications No. S.O. 831 (E), dated 2nd August, 2002; S.O.568 (E), dated 12th May, 2004 and S.O. 1864 (E), dated 19th October, 2007 and new provisions all together to make the orders comprehensive and reading as follows:-

"whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 2959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of the persons specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms of the category of description specified in the corresponding entry in column 3 thereof, when carried, possessed for their own personal use for the purpose of training or use in competitions, from the operations of the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 3 and sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 9, of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are specified in corresponding entry in column 4 of the said schedule:

Provided that the exemption hereby granted shall be subject to the following further conditions, namely:-

- (1) The certifying body for persons specified at Serial No. 1 to 3 of the Schedule shall be Department of Sports, ministry of youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The certificate shall specifically state that the award was conferred for excellence as shooter.

- (2) The Junior Target Shooter claiming exemption under this notification has completed the age of twelve years.

Explanation - For the purposes of this notification,

- (a) 'International Championship' means the Asian Games, the Asian Shooting Championship, the Asian women or Asian Junior Shooting Championship, of the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, the Olympic Games, the World Junior Shooting Championships; and the World Cups in senior as well as junior events; para championships in all the above categories.
- (b) 'International Target Shooter' means a person who has won an individual or team medal in an International Championship.
- (c) 'Renowned Shooter' means a person who has participated in a National Shooting Championship in an Open Men's Event or Open Women's Event or Open Civilian's Event whether through Qualifying Tournament or Wild Card Entry conducted in accordance with the rules of International Shooting Union and has attained the Minimum Qualifying Score prescribed by the National Rifle Association.
- (d) 'Junior Target Shooter' means a person who has completed the age of twelve years. But is below the age of twenty one years and has taken part in at least one State Level, Zonal Level, or- National Level Shooting competition recognized by National Rifle Association.
- (e) 'Aspiring Shooter' means a person who has taken part in at least one State Level, Zonal Level, or National Level Shooting Competition recognized by National Rifle Association and attained the prescribed minimum qualifying score approved by the respective association.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Persons or class of persons.	Categories / descriptions of arms.	Conditions.
1	Arjuna Awardee	General exemption on the number of arms to be possessed provided that the Arjuna Award is conferred in shooting.	The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.
2	International Medalist / Renowned shot	Type of arms used in the event in which the person is an international medalist or a renowned shot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR). (ii) Center fire Rifles with calibers up to 8mm including all calibers lower than 8mm. (iii) Pistol / Revolvers of caliber up and including 9mm but excluding 9mm (iv) Shotguns of caliber up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge. 	The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed six in addition to the number of weapons he is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act, 1959, subject to overall ceiling of ten weapons. <p>Note: Even if a shooter is renowned in more than two events, the total number of weapons such renowned shooter can possess shall not exceed ten as mentioned above.</p>

3	Junior Target shooter (12 years to 21 years)	Type of arms used in the event in which the person is a Junior Target Shooter.	The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four including the number of weapons the person is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act 1959. Note : Even if a shooter is Junior Target Shooter in more than two events, the total number of weapons such Junior Target Shooter can possess shall not exceed four as mentioned above.
4	Aspiring Shooters	Type of arms used in the even in which the person is an international medalist or a renowned shot. (i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR). (ii) Center fire rifles calibers up to 8mm including all calibers lower than 8mm. (iii) Pistol/Revolvers of caliber up and including 9mm but excluding 9mm parabellum (9x19mm) (iv) Shotguns of caliber upto 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge.	The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four including the number of weapons the person is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act. 1959.

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